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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/020,892	<b>Applicant(s)</b> TANAKA ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Duyen M Doan	<b>Art Unit</b> 2143	

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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**Detail Action**

Claims 1-12 are presented for examination.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kainulainen et al (us pat 6262996).

**As regarding claims 1, 5, 9,** Kainulainen et al disclose synchronizing signal generating means for generating synchronizing signals from signals inputted from the outside other than the terminal device (col.2, lines 45-67); and control means for making synchronization control operations and data communication, based on the synchronizing signals (col.2, lines 45-67).

**As regarding claim 2, 6, 10,** Kainulainen et al disclose the synchronizing signal generating means generates synchronizing signals from broadcasting signals time reference signals or an a.c. power source (see kainulainen et al col.3, lines 47-57, col.7, lines 219-28).

**As regarding claim 3, 7** Kainulainen et al disclose wherein the respective terminal devices make the synchronization control, based on synchronizing signals extracted from broadcasting signals of the same channel (see kainulainen et al col.3, lines 47-57, col.7, lines 19-28, lines 60-64).

**As regarding claims 4, 8**, Kainulainen et al disclose when it is difficult to extract the synchronizing signals from the broadcasting signals in one of the respective terminal devices, the channel of the broadcasting signals is changed (see Kainulainen et al col.7, lines 19-28, lines 60-64).

**As regarding claim 11**, Kainulainen et al disclose means for supplying synchronizing signals when said synchronizing signals cannot be generated from the signals inputted from the outside (col.3, lines 19-25, lines 47-54, col.4, lines 4-14).

**As regarding claim 12**, Kainulainen et al disclose means for supplying synchronizing signals when said synchronizing signals cannot be generated from the signals inputted from the outside (col.3, lines 19-25, lines 47-54, col.4, lines 4-14).

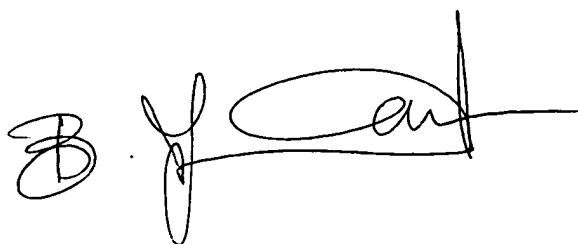
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duyen M Doan whose telephone number is (571) 272-4226. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Examiner  
Duyen Doan  
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